

MEMORANDUM OF INVESTIGATION

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Interview of Donna Chessler

Introduction

On January 28, 2016, Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Senior Special Agent Eric S. Benn and Special Agent Brian Luley interviewed Donna Chessler at her residence located at 1213 89th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114. The interview pertained to Chessler's submission of an Affidavit of Identifying Witness and Birth Affidavit in support of Rhonda Lindstrom's (a.k.a. Rhonda Chessler) application for a passport. Chessler provided her cell phone number as (405) 410-8747.

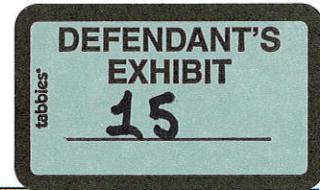
Chessler's Knowledge of Lindstrom

Chessler acknowledged that Lindstrom is her younger sister and they are both from Louisiana. Chessler has had limited contact with Lindstrom since Chessler left Louisiana for the Job Corp when she was approximately 18 years old, maybe 15 years or so ago. Chessler recalled receiving a phone call from Lindstrom in or around 2012. Lindstrom and Chessler communicated briefly in 2012, and Chessler recalled Lindstrom sending Chessler's son \$100, a DVD player, and some movies for his birthday. Chessler also recalled that Lindstrom may have sent her some money (cash) in 2014 through the mail to help Chessler get a battery for her car. Chessler recalled that subsequent to receiving the cash, Chessler received two calls from Lindstrom, possibly during the summer of 2015 approximately three months apart. In her first call to Chessler, Lindstrom expressed her desire to get married and told Chessler she was seeing someone. Chessler thought the person Lindstrom might be seeing was from another country. In her second call to Chessler approximately three months later, Lindstrom told Chessler she was seeing a different person and was going to be getting married.

Chessler's Affidavit of Identifying Witness and Birth Affidavit

Also during her second call to Chessler, Lindstrom told Chessler that she (Lindstrom) wanted a good vacation and needed to get a passport. In order to get the passport Lindstrom requested Chessler assist her by submitting some paperwork in support of Lindstrom's passport application acknowledging Lindstrom identity. Lindstrom told Chessler that no one knew who Lindstrom was because all of the paperwork relating to Lindstrom's identity had been lost during Hurricane Katrina. Chessler agreed to assist Lindstrom and Lindstrom subsequently requested Chessler provide her a copy of Chessler's birth certificate. Lindstrom appeared to get upset when Chessler told her that she did not have a copy of her birth certificate. Lindstrom told Chessler that Lindstrom would get Chessler a copy of her birth certificate because Lindstrom needed Chessler's birth certificate and information off of the birth certificate to support Lindstrom's application for her passport. Lindstrom also asked Chessler for Chessler's social security number, driver's license information, etc.

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After Chessier became inquisitive and asked Lindstrom why she needed Chessier's personal information for Lindstrom's passport application, Lindstrom became upset and asked Chessier why Chessier was asking these questions after everything Lindstrom had done for Chessier and her children. Because Lindstrom was upset, Lindstrom told Chessier that she was no longer going to get Chessier a copy of her birth certificate. In order to avoid problems with Lindstrom, Chessier recalled mailing Lindstrom copies of her driver's license and social security card to an address that Lindstrom provided Chessier.

Chessier was provided copies of the Affidavit of Identifying Witness and Birth Affidavit containing her name that was submitted by Lindstrom in support of her passport application to review. Chessier acknowledged her signature on both documents but denied that she filled out any portions of the forms. According to Chessier, upon receipt of the information from Lindstrom everything was filled out and Lindstrom had tabbed the areas for Chessier to sign and date. Chessier acknowledged that neither the top typed portion of the Affidavit of Identifying Witness form, nor the typed portions of the Birth Affidavit form were filled out by her. Chessier claimed to have no knowledge that Lindstrom had married Daniel Lindstrom and therefore could never have put that information on the form. Chessier claimed to have no knowledge of how or where to find either the Affidavit of Identifying Witness or Birth Affidavit forms. Chessier reiterated that when she received the forms from Lindstrom, the forms were already filled out and places for Chessier to sign her name and date were tabbed. During the prior conversation Lindstrom told Chessier that she (Lindstrom) would fill out the forms and send to Chessier to sign.

Upon receipt of the forms from Lindstrom, Chessier and Lindstrom spoke about Chessier getting the forms notarized. Lindstrom offered to pay to get the forms notarized, but Chessier advised Lindstrom that Chessier could get the forms notarized for free at her bank. Subsequently, Chessier drove to the Arvest bank location in Edmond, Oklahoma, and had the Affidavit of Identifying Witness and Birth Affidavit forms notarized. According to Chessier, she and Lindstrom were talking on the cell phones with each other while Chessier drove to the bank and while Chessier got the forms notarized. Lindstrom directed Chessier to mail Lindstrom back the forms, which Chessier did. While reviewing the documents Chessier noticed a copy of her birth certificate accompanying the forms. Chessier denied providing the copy of her birth certificate and claimed not to have a copy of her own birth certificate. Chessier suspected Lindstrom must have obtained a copy of Chessier's birth certificate without her knowledge and/or permission.

Additional Information Relating to Chessier and Lindstrom

Chessier is not employed and receives social security benefits based on her diagnosis of being paranoid schizophrenic. Chessier has two children, both of whom have learning disabilities. Chessier's son has been diagnosed Autism. Chessier explained that mental "issues" run in their family and opined that maybe Lindstrom has a mental disorder. Chessier is now concerned that Lindstrom wanted her personal information because she is trying to steal her identity.

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In one of their conversations Chesser recalled Lindstrom telling Chesser that Lindstrom worked for the FBI, but Chesser said that she could not tell anyone who Lindstrom worked for. According to Chesser, it was well known by her other siblings that Lindstrom was her mother's favorite child. Chesser described Lindstrom as very smart and studious and said Lindstrom would lock herself in the closet as a child to study. Chesser knew Lindstrom to be a nice honest person.

Chesser was questioned about Lindstrom's claim that their mother, Verona Chesser, was extremely physically abusive to Lindstrom and her other children and would often not feed them. Chesser confirmed that her mother was abusive and would often discipline them. Chesser explained that what she knew as discipline as a child is now called abuse. According to Chesser, the discipline she endured as a child made her the person she is today, which is respectful and honest. However, as Lindstrom was her mother's favorite child, Chesser said Lindstrom was disciplined far less than the other children.

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